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1. THE IS HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING COVER NOTE TRANSMITTING AN INTERNAL WORKING PAPER (PARA 3) WITH SOME PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE CONTENTS OF THE BERGEN NPG COMMUNIQUE. MISSION BELIEVES WASHINGTON WILL WANT TO LOOK CLOSELY AT LANGUAGE ON WP POLITICO-MILITARY DOCTRINE AND PARTICULARLY AT PORTRAYAL OF WP ATTITUDES. BEGIN TEXT OF COVER NOTE:

2. ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS A COPY OF AN INTERNAL WORKING PAPER PREPARED IN MY OFFICE TO PUT DOWN IN WRITING SOME PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON THE POSSIBLE CONTENT OF A COMMUNIQUE FOR THE MEETING AT GERGEN. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MR HUMPHREYS, WHO WILL CHAIR THE AD HOC COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING GROUP, WILL DRAW ON THE ATTACHED MATERIAL IN PREPARING THE DRAFTS THAT WILL BE CIRCULATED AT BERGEN TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE DRAFTING GROUP'S WORK.

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BEGIN TEXT:

3. THE NATO NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP (NPG), COMPOSED OF THE MINISTERS OF DEFENCE OF EIGHT NATO COUNTRIES, TODAY CONCLUDED ITS

FIFTEENTH HALF-YEARLY MEETING AFTER A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE IN BERGEN, NORWAY.

MINISTERS OF DEFENCE PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING WERE MR. GEORG LEBER, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY; MR. EUSTATHIOS LATSLOUDIS, GREECE; MR. GUILIO ANDREOTTI, ITALY; MR. HENK VREDELING, THE NETHERLANDS; MR. ALV FORSTERVOLL, NORWAY; MR. ROY MASON, THE UNITED KINGDOM; AND MR. JAMES R. SCHLESINGER, THE UNITED STATES. AMBASSADOR ARTHUR R. MENZIES, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, REPRESENTED MR. JAMES RICHARDSON, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OF CANADA. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY DR. JOSEPH M.A.H. LUNS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO. IN CONFORMITY WITH PAST PRACTICE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE, ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET SIR PETER HILL-NORTON; THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE (SACEUR), GENERAL ANDREW J. GOODPASTER; AND THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER ATLANTIC (SACLANT), ADMIRAL RALPH W. COUSINS, WERE ALSO INVITED TO BE PRESENT.

CREATED BY NATO IN DECEMBER 1966, THE NPG HAS FORMORE THAN SEVEN YEARS PROVIDED A FORUM IN WHICH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, MAY EXPLORE IN DEPTH THE FULL RANGE OF NUCLEAR POLICY QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE ALLIANCE. THROUGH THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND EVALUATION OF NUCLEAR DEFENCE MATTERS, ACCOMPANIED BY FRANK AND UNINHIBITED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG DEFENCE MINISTERS, THE NPG HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL MEANS BY WHICH NATO GOVERNMENTS ARE ABLE TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL VOICE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PLANNING AND IN SETTING THE STAGE FOR EFFECTIVE CONSULTATION AND DECISION MAKING IN TIME OF HOSTILITIES ON QUESTIONS OF USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE DEFENCE OF THE ALLIANCE, IF SUCH QUESTIONS SHOULD ARISE. THE MEETING THAT HAS JUST BEEN CONCLUDED GAVE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION THAT THE NPG CONTINUES TO MAKE IN THIS RESPECT.

ON THE BASIS OF A BRIEFING BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE MINISTERS ENGAGED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO DEFENCE OF RECENT AND ANTICIPATED TRENDS
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IN THE BALANCE OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR POWER, DISCUSSING IN PARTICULAR THE BROADENING OF UNITED STATES STRATEGIC BYCLEAR OPTIONS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE NATO STRATEGY OF FLEXIBILITY IN RESPONSE. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EVOLUTIONARY REFINEMENT OF NATO'S NUCLEAR POSTURE, THE MINISTERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED BY MR. SCHLESINGER, ON SOME TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT COULD BEAR ON THE TACTICAL NUCLEAR CAPABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE.

AS A FURTHER STEP IN THE CONTINUING TASK OF IMPROVING ARRANGEMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE CONSULTATION AMONG MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN TIME OF TENSION OR HOSTILITIES, THE MINISTERS REVIEWED A REPORT COVERING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCESS THAT INVOLVED THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE, WHICH THEY AGREED TO SEND TO THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

THE MINISTERS ALSO DISCUSSED WARSAW PACT POLITICO-MILITARY STRATEGY AND MILITARY DOCTRINE BEARING ON THE POSSIBLE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AN ANALYSIS OF THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED IN A STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY SIX NPG COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN AS CLEAR AN APPRECIATION AS POSSIBLE OF THE WARSAW PACT PERCEPTIONS AND ATTITUDES. IN THEIR DISCUSSION, THE MINISTERS VIEWED WITH SOME CONCERN THE PERSISTENT TENDENCY OF THE WARSAW PACT TO ATTRIBUTE AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS TO NATO. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT NATO SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRESS ITS DEFENSIVE AND DETREENT CHARACTER IN ITS OWN POSTURE, ACTIONS AND PRONOUNCEMENTS SO AS TO PROVIDE NO GROUNDS FOR SUCH A WARSAW PACT MISPERCEPTION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE MINISTERS NOTED THE IMAGE OF A WARSAW PACT AGGRESSIVE STANCE THAT IS CONVEYED TO NATO AND THE REST OF THE WORLD BY THE OFFENSIVE ATTITUDE REFLECTED IN WARSAW PACT OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS, BY ITS MASSIVE FORCE STRUCTURE AND FORWARD DEPLOYMENTS AND BY ITS PROVOCATIVE EXERCISE ACTIVITIES. THEY HOPED THAT THE WARSAW PACT LEADERSHIP WOULD TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO ALLAY NATO'S UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERNS IN THIS REGARD. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR DISCUSSION, THE MINISTERS AGREED TO FORWARD THE STUDY AND ONE RELATED COMMENTS OF THEIR OWN TO THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

TERMINATING THEIR MEETING, THE MINISTERS REVIEWED THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE NPG AND GAVE GUIDANCE FOR FUTURE ACTIVITY. THEY DECIDED TO HOLD THE NEXT NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ITALY IN THE AUTUMN OF 1974.

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